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Charlotte Hilton Green takes a break



Ken Knapp, program chairman, chats with H. Douglas Pratt, speaker

When John Wastson was elected president of the Carolina Bird Club in 1985 he reminded the Club that the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1937 was just around the corner. After his reelection to a second term in 1986 he initiated planning for a special anniversary celebration in Raleigh, North Carolina, where it all began. Ken Knapp of Cary, NC chaired a committee which sought to make preparations for a memorable meeting. Wake Audubon Society agreed to be the host group and also underwrite the expense of obtaining a speaker for the Saturday night meeting who enjoyed a national reputation in the birding community. Meredith College and N. C. State University generously made adequate meeting rooms available, and the New Hope Audubon Society agreed to sponsor the speaker for the Friday night session.

Registration on Friday afternoon, May 1, was enlivened by the presence of Charlotte Hilton Green, 97 year old charter member of CBC. Refreshments during the afternoon were provided by Pat Sprunt, Edith Horn, Beth Lane and Laura Smith of Wake Audubon. Registrants could also admire the art work of H. Douglas Pratt, Saturday night speaker, who also provided an exhibit of the original paintings from the various field guides which he has illustrated.

During the Friday evening meeting in the Cate Center at Meredith College, Eloise Potter gave a brief history of the Club and introduced Charlotte Hilton Green who after brief remarks exhorted the group to "keep the birds flying!" Dr. R. Haven Wiley, Professor of Biology at UNC at Chapel Hill presented a program entitled "Bird Censuses: What do we know about bird populations in the Carolinas?" He urged the audience to get involved in providing valuable information on bird populations by adopting a breeding bird census. Harry LeGrand ended the evening by outlining the Saturday field trips and introducing the field trip leaders which included in addition to himself, Merrill Lynch, Derb Carter, Ricky Davis, Tom Howard, Mike Tove, Ken Knapp and Clyde Smith.

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The expected spring migrants failed to show in any significant numbers, but the weekend field trips, which ranged from the Roanoke River bottomlands to the pine forests of Moore County, produced 150 species. Bald Eagles, Mississippi Kites, Cerulean Warblers, and a Turkey were special sightings.

Appropriately, the Saturday evening meeting was held on the N. C. State University campus in Bostian Hall which is named for Dr. Carey Bostian, one of the charter members of CBC. The nationally recognized speaker for the evening program happened to be a long time CBC member. H. Douglas Pratt, artist and ornithologist from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, grew up in Charlotte, NC where he would go to the public library to read the latest CHAT. His first published work, a pen and ink drawing of a Dovekie, appeared on the cover of the CHAT. Doug is probably best known for his illustrations in the highly regarded National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America. However, an even greater contribution to ornithology



Dr. Haven Wiley, speaker, and Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., new president of CBC

is A Field Guide to the Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific, published this year by Princeton University Press, for which he was the principal author as well as illustrator. His program for the evening was the story of the making of that field guide.

In the business meeting which followed the public session the following officers were elected: President-Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., Clemson, SC; Vice-President(ENC)-John O. Fussell, III, Morehead City, NC; Secretary-Marcia Pryor, Arden, NC; Treasurer-Zack Bynum, Winston-Salem, NC. Executive Committee Members-at-Large elected were: ENC- Dr. Philip Crutchfield, Fayetteville, NC; WNC-Bob Odear, High Point, NC; SC-John E. Cely, Columbia, SC; SC-Greg Cornwell, Taylors, SC.

CHIP NOTES

Three years ago AMERICAN BIRDS ceased publication of its Breeding Bird Census, and the number of reports received fell to 39 this year. However, the Spring, 1987 issue of AMERICAN BIRDS announced that publication will resume late in 1987. If you are interested in following Dr. Wiley's suggestion to adopt a breeding bird census, check the next issue of AMERICAN BIRDS for details. Reprints of "Breeding-Bird Census Instructions" and "Breeding-Bird Censuses: Why and How" may be ordered for 50¢ each from: AMERICAN BIRDS, Box R, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Bill Hilton, Jr., Chairman of the Science Department of Northwestern High School, Rock Hill, SC, has published BIRD-BANDING: Experiencing the Scientific Method, a how-to manual written for teachers. The booklet described how a permanent bird banding facility was established and is used at Northwestern High and gives full information on procedures which can be followed by anyone wanting to start a banding program. Bill is making copies of the booklet available at a cost of \$5.00. Write Bill Hilton, Jr., Science Department, Northwestern High School, Rt. 11, Box 3, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Betty H. McIlwain wants her friends in CBC to know about the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. This organization is working to convert abandoned railroad corridors into linear rail-trail parks. Trail users and conservationists all over the country are looking at abandoned rail corridors and dreaming big dreams of a nationwide "emerald necklace" linking America together in a continuous network of multi-purpose trails. If interested, write: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, 1701 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006.



PURPLE MARTIN COLONY REGISTRY

The Purple Martin is a bird which has been managed by man longer than any other North American bird species. Even before European man colonized the New World native American indians were enticing these companionable birds to nest in their villages by attaching hollowed-out gourd "nest boxes" to the support poles of their wigwams. Modern man has continued this gourd using tradition to attract martins, but he also has taken to using elaborate wooden, plastic or aluminum multi-compartmented bird condos (i.e. "martin houses") which he mounts on poles and proudly displays on his lawns.

Today, however, this man-dependant species is declining within parts of its breeding range. In an attempt to remedy the situation, the Purple Martin Conservation Association has been formed to help coordinate the management efforts of North America's landlords. Through

its Colony Registry Program it is attempting to locate and register most of the martin colonies in North America in preparation for several worthwhile projects, including a continent-wide nest record card scheme.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you know of someone who has a martin colony or is trying to attract one, or if you are interested in starting a colony yourself, please write to the Purple Martin Conservation Association. You can further assist by looking for martin houses or gourds in peoples' yards during your travels. If you locate some, please try to obtain the mailing addresses from either the street & house numbers, rural mailboxes, phone books, or by stopping to inquire. Please send addresses to Purple Martin Conservation Association, P.O. Box 178, Edinboro, PA 16412.



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* * * HAWK WATCHERS WANTED * * *

Hawk watchers are urgently needed to help staff a hawk migration lookout at Mahogany Rock on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Sparta, NC, during the fall 1987 hawk migration. It is intended that this lookout will become a part of the network currently reporting hawk migration statistics to the North American Hawk Migration Association. Hawk watching experience is preferred but not necessary. If you would be able to spend any time at all assisting in this project from September 1 to November 1, 1987, please contact John A. Alderman, 2909 Armfield Avenue, Burlington, NC 27215 for further information.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Carolina Bird Club notes with regret the death of the following member:

ALTA F. STEININGER
Tempe, AZ

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